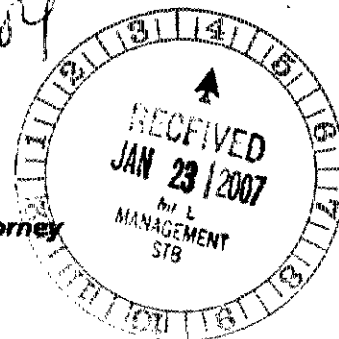




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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 240X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company - Abandonment Exemption - In Gaston County, NC -
Request for Extension of Consummation Date Deadline

Dear Mr. Williams:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) hereby requests that the Board grant NSR an extension of the deadline date to consummate abandonment of the 5-mile rail line that was the subject of the captioned proceeding to August 31, 2007. The line extends between milepost HG-47.0 at Gastonia, NC and milepost HG-52.0 at Dallas (Gebo), NC in Gaston County, NC.

NSR had been discussing possible conveyance of the line to the North Carolina Railroad and the City of Gastonia, NC. Because of the time required to consider all of the issues, NSR previously requested extensions of the consummation date. The last such extension was to May 9, 2006 pursuant to the Board's decision served November 29, 2005. However, it became apparent that extensions of the consummation date actually were not necessary because NSR had not satisfied all of the conditions imposed in the Board's order served December 9, 2003. That order did not impose a reporting requirement.

NSR now has satisfied the conditions of the December 9, 2003 order. However, NSR may not be able to complete its salvage or other work on the line within 60 days. Some of the property may not be owned in fee. Therefore, NSR believes it should not consummate the abandonment until the work on the line has been completed. Under

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these circumstances, NSR requests that the Board grant to NSR an extension of the deadline date to consummate the abandonment in this proceeding to August 31, 2007.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,



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